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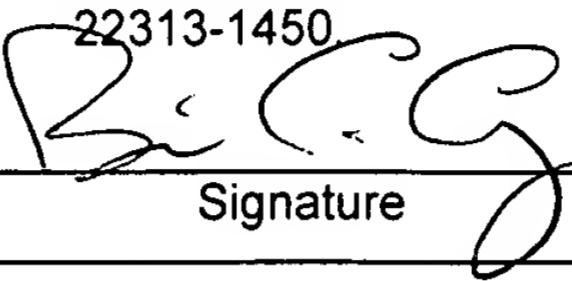
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IN RE APPLICATION OF
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FOR: ASSAYS AND PEPTIDE SUBSTRATE FOR DETERMINING
AGGREGAN DEGRADING METALLO PROTEASE ACTIVITY

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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2005. A response to this Notice was originally due on October 14, 2005. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response, making this response timely submitted.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper. The listing of claims begins on page 3 and Remarks begin on page 11.